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International Application No.:	PCT/EP01/09049	
International Filing Date:	AUGUST 04, 2001	04 AUGUST 2001
Priority Date Claimed:	AUGUST 08, 2000	08 AUGUST 2000
Title of Invention:	<b>ASSEMBLY FOR INCREASING THE DEPTH DISCRIMINATION OF AN OPTICAL IMAGING SYSTEM</b> (Anordnung zue Erhöhung der Tiefendiskriminierung Optisch Abbildender Systeme)	
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 43.
- 4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. A copy of **Publication WO 02/12945 14FEB02** the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
  - a) \_\_ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
  - b) \_\_ has been transmitted by the International Bureau
  - c) \_\_ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 6. A translation of Publication WO 02/12945 14FEB02 the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] **TO FOLLOW**
- 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
  - a) \_\_ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
  - b) \_\_ have been transmitted by the International Bureau
  - c) \_\_ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d) \_\_ have not been made and will not be made
- 8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
- 9. An EXECUTED Oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)] **Executed Decl./POA - TO FOLLOW**
- 10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]

**Items 11. to 16. Below concern other document(s) or information included:**

- 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98
- 12. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet (PTO-1619A) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. \_\_ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment **TO FOLLOW**
  - \_\_ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment
- 14. A **substitute specification** **TO FOLLOW**
- 15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter
- 16. (other items or information) **PCT/RO/101, Search Report: (PCT/ISA/210) 05FEB02, German Examination Report 03JAN01, PTO-1449 w/5 references** (with 3 English Abstracts).

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**/Ruth Montalvo Date: April 3, 2002**

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CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY

[X] 17. The following fees are submitted:

BASIC NATIONAL FEE [37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)]

[X]	Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO	\$ 890.00		
[ ]	International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.482]	\$ 710.00		
[ ]	No International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.482] but International search fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)]	\$ 740.00		
[ ]	Neither International preliminary examination fee [37 CFR 1.482] nor International search fee [37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)] paid to USPTO	\$ 1,040.00		
[ ]	International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.482] and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)	\$ 100.00		

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT: **\$890.00**

Claims	Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate
Total Claims	20	-20		x \$ 18. =
Indep. Claims	1	-03		x \$ 84. =

[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) + \$ 280. =

**TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS: \$890.00**

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(e)]

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Applicant claims Small Entity Status [See 37 CFR 1.27] Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity

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Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English Translation later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(f)]

**TOTAL NATIONAL FEE: \$890.00**

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)] The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (PTO-1595) [37 CFR 3.28, 3.31]. \$ 40.00 per property +

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(Please note the filing fee is based on the claims in the Preliminary Amendment)

[X] Check in the amount of **\$ 890.00** to cover the above fees is enclosed. (The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 50-1529.)

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 36 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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